

November 16, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman
Lance Authement
Judge Jimmy Gaidry
Francis Richard
Donald Schwab
Eli Miles, Jr.
Jake Giardina
Ron Animashaun

Absent: Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

Also present: Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith; Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Tiffany Bergeron
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; John Lombardo, Restore or Retreat; Melissa Cloutet
Stevie Smith, All South Engineers; Bud Bergeron; John Lafargue; Ayad Taofik
Henry Templet; Hattie Templet; Nick Porto; Jerry Waguespack; Diane Gaidry; Robert Mire
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by acclamation to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of October 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by acclamation to approve the accounts payable for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Jana Langley advised that Capital One is updating their signature cards, and a motion is needed to authorize signers on the Capital One checking account.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to authorize Hugh Caffery, Gene Harrell, Gregory Nolan, Benjamin Malbrough and Jana Langley as signers on the Capital One checking account.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by acclamation to approve the finance report for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that the pumping summary was sent to the Board. We are back in a comfortable water surface elevation in the bayou. We are anticipating the pump being repaired as scheduled. Eric Sanchez made a trip to the shop where they are repairing the pump, and they don't see any delay in getting it repaired.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith, gave an update on the Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Phase 2 Project as follows:

- The contract date is 450 days. We are at contract date 161. There are 289 days remaining.
- The project overall is 45% to 50% complete to date.

- Site 1 – 100% of fill material delivered. Site 2 – Containment built. Site 3 – 85% of fill material delivered. Site 4 – 100% of fill material delivered. Site 5 – 5-10% of fill material delivered. Site 6 – Containment 100% complete. Mr. Rabalais showed the different disposal sites.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry and unanimously approved to open the public hearing on the 2016 Proposed Operational Budget, and 2016 Proposed CIAP Funds Program Budget.

Chairman Hugh Caffery thanked the budget committee for the work they did regarding the budget.

Chairman Hugh Caffery advised that he would like to form an insurance committee to review our insurance renewals, and appointed Jake Giardina, Donald Schwab, and Ben Malbrough to serve on the committee.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that the board members have a spreadsheet for the budgets, and he had a power point presentation on the budgets. Mr. Malbrough reviewed the budget figures for the 2016 Proposed Operational Budget, 2015 Amended Operational Budget, 2016 Proposed CIAP Funds Program Budget, and 2015 Amended CIAP Funds Program Budget.

Commissioner Ron Animashaun asked about the drone, and Mr. Malbrough answered that we decided not to purchase a drone because of the strenuous regulations. Commissioner Ron Animashaun stated that we have all this work done that we would have to police. Mr. Malbrough advised that a patrolman is certainly an option. Commissioner Ron Animashaun stated that there may be a lot of refrigerators and stoves back in the bayou. Mr. Malbrough stated that the bayou crew is working on the bayou every day, and we could have one of the bayou crew do an inspection once or twice a week.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments on any of the budgets, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to close the public hearing on the budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Ron Animashaun, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement and unanimously approved to adopt the Amended 2015 Operational Budget as presented.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to adopt the 2016 Proposed Operational Budget as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ron Animashaun and unanimously approved to adopt the 2016 Proposed CIAP Funds Program Budget, and Amended 2015 CIAP Funds Program Budget as presented.

Chairman Hugh Caffery advised that Barry Marionneaux and Ben have worked diligently with the Attorney General's office to determine what the legalities are on the "Friends of Bayou Lafourche". We will ask for a budget to be approved in the \$75,000 range to get that started once we have a legal standing for a cooperative endeavor agreement.

Mr. John Lombardo, Outreach Coordinator for Restore and Retreat, gave a detailed power point presentation on the BP Settlement Summary regarding when the remainder of the monies will be paid out

by BP, and how the monies will be distributed. He advised that there are criminal damages, civil penalties, natural resource damage assessment, and economic and injuries claims. He showed an illustration of a pie chart which shows that Louisiana makes up a majority of the money coming in which doesn't have to be passed through different pots like in the Restore Act. Mr. Lombardo explained the percentages that will be distributed to the different pots. He advised that there is a payment schedule that will be paid out over a seventeen year period. Mr. Lombardo provided to the Board a handout which outlines in detail how the money will be allocated, and a payout schedule.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the December meeting falls on the 21st, which is the week of Christmas, and the January meeting date is a holiday. A discussion was held, and it was agreed to move the December meeting to Monday, December 14th, and the January meeting to Tuesday, January 19th.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Sediment Trap Project is about 75% complete with \$280,000 expended. The Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Benefits Analysis is about 75% complete with \$132,000 expended. The Donaldsonville Drainage Project is about 60% complete with \$109,000 expended. We have a preliminary plan that we presented to the West Ascension Drainage Board. All South Engineers are moving to bring that project closer to final plans and specs. The Union Pacific Railroad Project is 80% complete with \$30,000 expended for preliminary work. Union Pacific says they could be to construction as early as February or March of next year.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. Mr. Stevie Smith stated that there is Thanksgiving dinner for everyone.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman